



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takanobu ADACHI et al.

Application No.: 10/697, 251

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For: GAMING MACHINE

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Examiner: K. Frisby

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated October 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 21-26 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 21 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)